

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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Identifier: HB141-DOLWD-WC-1-21-14
Title: WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL FEES
Sponsor: LABOR & COMMERCE
Requester: Labor and Commerce

Department: Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Appropriation: Workers' Compensation
Allocation: Workers' Compensation
OMB Component Number: 344

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2015	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #1

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Analysis

This legislation sets the fee for medical treatments provided outside of Alaska to limits in the Workers' Compensation statutes of the state where the services are rendered.

It also requires a provider of medical treatment or services under the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act to submit bills for treatment or services to employers within 180 days after the date the treatment or services are rendered, and limits the time for appealing an employer's denial or reduction of a bill to 60 days.

The effective date is immediate and there is a retroactivity clause, but there is transitional language. This language establishes that medical providers may submit bills for service within 180 days of the effective date of the legislation, irrespective of the date of service; or an appeal for denied payment within 60 days of the effective date of the legislation, irrespective of the date of the disputed payment.

There is no fiscal impact to the department anticipated as a result of this legislation.